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1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton
Mr. Clinton
Lt. Col. Kiel
Lt. Col. Rogers
Lt. Cdr. Nutt
Major Rush

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2. A revised draft of the memorandum which the Chairman proposes to submit to the DCI to inform him of the views of the NIS Committee regarding the NIS production program was presented to the members for comment. In this memorandum it is pointed out that under the present NIS production program NIS on the JCS high priority areas will not be completed until 1957, which is five years later than called for in the original plan approved in 1948 by the NSC. In the view of the Committee, it is doubtful that the present NIS production program is realistically attuned to the current international situation. All facts bearing on the matter are, therefore, being presented so that consideration may be given at the IAC level as to need for expanding the program to meet national security requirements. An acceleration of NIS production to a degree that will assure completion of the NIS on the 60 JCS high priority areas by the end of FY 1954 is recommended. To accomplish this it is proposed that the NIS production be accelerated to a rate of 12 equivalent NIS for FY 1952 and 15 equivalent NIS for FY 1953 and FY 1954.

By the term "equivalent NIS" is meant the number of relevant sections which, if devoted solely to a single NIS, would fully satisfy the NIS requirements for the area under consideration. Since the number of sections that are relevant and hence needed to fully satisfy the NIS requirements vary with the nature and complexity of each area, an average figure is used for each production year. Thus an average of 65 sections comprises an "equivalent NIS" for FY 1951. By contrast, the NIS requirements for a most complex area, such as the USSR, would call for all of the 84 NIS sections included in the "Standard Instructions".

In order that the IAC members may have a more precise indication of their respective departmental requirement of capabilities under the proposed production plan, each member of the NIS Committee will prepare an estimate

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for his own agency. Drafts of these estimates will be submitted for Committee consideration at the next meeting.

The Chairman will also redraft his memorandum to the DCI to include several suggestions made by the members and will submit it for further comment at the next meeting.

3. State and Army members submitted proposals for tentative FY 1952 Production Schedule. The Army proposal covers Navy and Air elements except for Section 35 and Supplement I which are to be submitted directly to D/Ba before the next meeting.

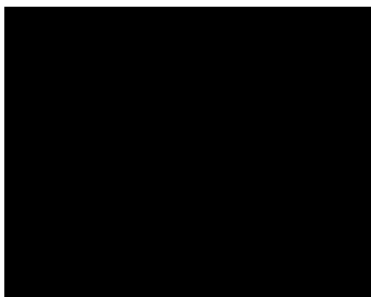
4. A proposed FY 1952 production schedule for NIS Chapter VII was taken under consideration. The Army member raised a question regarding CIA responsibility for producing final drafts of Sections 71 to 75 as set forth in the proposal. The Chairman undertook to get clarification on this matter from the Chapter VII Coordinator and further action on the proposal was deferred until the next meeting.

5. The Army member advised that comments by his Agency on the revised Standard Instructions for NIS Chapter II were still in process of coordination in his Agency and further report on the matter would be made at the next meeting.

6. Action on a State proposed change in NIS area number assignment of Soqatra, the Abd al-Kuri Islands, the Brother Islands, and Gwadar was deferred until the next meeting to permit further study of the proposal by Army.

7. The next meeting will be held on 16 January 1951 at CIA.

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